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SUBJ: PLO DELEGATION APPEALS TO NIMEIRI RE BSO TERRORISTS

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1. PLO DELEGATION INCLUDING FARUQ AL QADDUMI, MOHAMED ZAHEDI AL NASHASHIBI AND YASIR ABU SAID JAMAL SURANI, VISITED KHARTOUM WEEK AGO. ACTING FONMIN OMAR AL-HAJ MUSA TOLD ME JAN 23 DELEGATION HAD APPEALED TO PRESIDENT NIMEIRI TO RELEASE EIGHT BSO TERRORISTS IN ORDER PERMIT THEM "JOIN IN THE STRUGGLE". ACCORDING TO MUSA, NIMEIRI REPLIED IN FOLLOWING TERMS: (A) NO ARAB-ISRAELI WAR CURRENTLY GOIN ON; (B) EIGHT INDIVIDUALS WOULD IN ANY CASE MAKE NO DIFFERENCE IN FIGHTING; (C) GOS UNABLE TAKE ACTION ON CASE WHILE IN SUB JUDICE; (D) PALESTINIANS WERE BEING FOOLISH IN CIRCUMSTANCES IN TRYING BY ALL MEANS TO DELAY JUDICIAL PROCESS; AND (E) HE, NIMEIRI, WOULD HAVE ROLE TO PLAY ONCE JUDICIAL PROCESS OVER (AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO PREROGATIVE EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY).

2. I TOLD MUSA WASHINGTON WOULD BE GRATIFIED LEARN OF PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S COMMENTS AND REMINDED HIM ISSUE LIKELY RECEIVE GREATER PROMINENCE AMERICAN MEDIA AT TIME ANNIVERSARY ASSASSINATIONS. MUSA ASKED WHEN THAT WAS. I REPLIED MARCH 3 TO WHICH MUSA REJOINED THAT CASE SHOULD CERTAINLY BE MOVING ALONG AT FASTER RATE THEN.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE NIMEIRI'S REPORTED COMMENTS TO PLO DELEGATION CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING HIS FIRM ATTITUDE AS LONG AS JUDICIAL PROCESS IS UNDER WAY, THEY ALSO INDICATE THAT HE MAY FEEL SOME ACTION IN REDUCING OR COMMUTING SENTENCES MAY BE REQUIRED

THEREAFTER. THIS CONNECTION, HOWEVER, MUSA REITERATED TO ME,
AS HE HAD IN THE PAST, THAT SUDANESE PUBLIC OPINION HAD BEEN
SHOCKED BY MURDERS AND WOULD NOT READILY UNDERSTAND ANY
FAILURE BRING CULPRITS TO JUSTICE.

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